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C O N F I D E N T I A L HAVANA 1490

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, PINT, ET, CU
SUBJECT: REPORTED EXPULSION OF CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA

1. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS, JUNE 1, ACTING USINT CHIEF ASKED SUB-DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS OF CUBAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS CARLOS ZAMORA TO COMMENT ON RECENT PRESS REPORTS ALLEGING THAT CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA HAS BEEN EXPELLED. ZAMORA ADAMANTLY REPLIED THAT REPORTS ARE "ABSOLUTELY FALSE". HE STATED THAT HE THOUGHT CUBAN AMBASSADOR WAS STILL PHYSICALLY IN ADDIS ABABA, BUT HE WAS NOT SURE.

2. COMMENT: BRITISH EMBASSY TELLS US THAT CUBAN EMBASSY IN ADDIS IS BEING RUN BY NUMBER THREE OFFICIAL AS CHARGE. THIS PRESUMABLY SUGGESTS THAT CUBAN AMBASSADOR AND DCM ARE OUT OF COUNTRY. EMBASSY ADDIS CAN PRESUMABLY CONFIRM THIS. SOVIET AMBASSADOR HERE, JUNE 1, WHILE CLAIMING NOT TO HAVE READ NEWS REPORTS OF CUBAN AMBASSADOR'S EXPULSION, UNCHARACTERISTICALLY DID NOT TAKE ISSUE WITH ACTING USINT CHIEF ASSERTIONS THAT MENGISTU IS NOT GENUINE MARXIST-LENINIST.

3. AS OF MAY 25, ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR WAS STILL IN CUBA.
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CUBAN NEWSPAPERS CONTINUED TO CARRY FAVORABLE COMMENTARY ON ETHIOPIA THROUGH MAY 30. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT NEWS ON ETHIOPIA IS ABSENT FROM MAY 31 AND JUNE 1 NEWSPAPERS. WE NOTE ALSO THAT FIDEL AND RAUL CASTRO HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN IN PUBLIC SINCE MAY 22. END COMMENT.
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